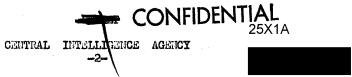


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carried out. It is the honest opinion of most functionaries that not more than four or five percent of the party membership in the western sectors would remain if unreliable and inactive elements were energetically weeded out. In contrast, however, he believes that the Landesverband is in earnest about the deadline for the submission of recommendations for the functionary activist group.)

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Comment: It is difficult at present to prognosticate probable use of this group. A most probable explanation is that the group is not planned as a striking force in a "putsch" or as a secret apparat, but is rather an attempt of the Landesverband to prepare a group to replace in an emergency the stagnated party organization of the western sectors. Several recent reports from source indicate that the Landesverband may be groping for a solution of this condition.)

